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Absentee Parenting

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should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

False Hope of an Absent
Parent:

My child(ren) will become
well-rounded adults without
intentional parenting.

Deuteronomy 6: 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

Deuteronomy 6: 7 Impress them on your children.
Talk about them when you sit at home and when
you walk along the road, when you lie down and
when you get up. 8 **Tie** them as symbols on your
hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 **Write**
them on the doorframes of your houses and on
your gates.

2 Samuel 13: 21 When King David heard all this, he was furious.

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David was
an absent parent.

Absentee Parenting-Contributing Factors:

David and his wife were not on the
same page.

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(1). Consistent in Discipline

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Proverbs 13: 24 Whoever spares the rod **hates** their children,

but the one who loves their children is careful to **discipline** them.

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(2). Consistent in Teaching Values

Micah 6: 8 He has shown you, O mortal, **what is good.**

And what does **the Lord require** of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

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(3). Consistent in Teaching Responsibility.

1 Timothy 5: 8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has **denied the faith** and is worse than an unbeliever.

Absentee Parenting–Contributing Factors:

David's children didn't know they
were more important than work.

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David's children didn't know God
was more important to David than
they were.

One last thought: Don't let
your sin prevent you from
addressing sin (the same sin)
in your children.

As the parent of your child,
you are uniquely qualified to
deal with your child's
temptations and sins.

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